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CUE Newsletter – June 2022 (Volume 39 Number 6)

June CUE Meeting

The next general meeting is on Thursday June 16th at 7:00 PM, by a Zoom link in your email. Check the CUE Website (www.cuerie.com) for more information.

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CUE Calendar

Calendar events are subject to change. SIG stands for Special Interest Group.
(look for notices outside of the newsletter for delays or special news on meetings)

CUE Membership Meetings (typically 3rd Thursday of each month)
     Thursday June 16th at 7 PM
     Thursday July 21st at 7 PM

Beginner's User Group (BUG) SIG Meetings
     To Be Scheduled Upon Request

Digital Photo SIG Meetings (typically 1st Saturday of each month except June/July/August)
     Saturday September 3rd at 9:30 AM
     Saturday October 1st at 9:30 AM

Genealogy SIG Meetings (typically 1st Tuesday of each month)
     Tuesday June 7th at 7 PM
     Tuesday July 5th at 7 PM

MAC SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month except June/July/August)
     Saturday September 10th at 9:30 AM
     Saturday October 8th at 9:30 AM

Smartphone & Tablet SIG Meetings (typically 4th Monday of each month) (RSVP John Fair)
     Monday June 27th at 7 PM
     Monday July 25th at 7 PM

Windows SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month except June/July/August)
     Saturday September 10th at 1 PM
     Saturday October 8th at 1 PM

CUE Picnic
     Sometime in September

CUE Christmas / Holiday Party
     Thursday December 8th

Right-Click Your Mouse, Best Shortcut Ever!

By Jim Cerny at Sarasota Technology Users Group (https://thestug.org/)

If you are not familiar with the power of RIGHT-clicking your mouse, you are in for a great Windows tip to help you in almost every place on your computer. First, of course, everyone should be familiar with LEFT-clicking the mouse to select things and options. Computer instructions say "click on" this or that, and it is understood that they mean LEFT click. But the RIGHT mouse button is a big help also, and instructions should always specify "RIGHT-click" when you are to use that button.

So, what does "right-clicking" your mouse do on Windows? Well -- and this is the core of this article -- **right-clicking your mouse on anything makes a menu of options appear for that item**. This works for almost anything you can see on your Windows monitor. So, let's look at a few examples for you to try to show you what a helpful shortcut this can be for you.

Place your mouse arrow (cursor) anywhere on your desktop screen (on an empty area, not an icon). Now right-click your mouse, and you will see a menu appear of choices or commands for what you can do with your desktop. For example, you will see choices such as "View," which allows you to change how you view your desktop. Or "Sort by," which gives you options for sorting what is on your desktop. If you don't know what a command or option does, ask Google.

For another example, place your mouse arrow on a BLANK area on your Taskbar at the bottom of your Windows desktop screen. Now right-click, and you will see options of what you can do with your Taskbar – such as locking or unlocking the Taskbar, arranging open windows on your screen, and more. You can even LEFT click on "Taskbar settings" to go directly to the Taskbar settings options. So have fun and TRY something! (Remember always to use a LEFT mouse click to select a menu option).

For a third example, let's say you are editing text in a document. First, drag your mouse over some text to highlight it (this is

"selecting" the text you want to work with). Now right-click on the highlighted text, and viola, you see options of what you can do with that text. You can select "cut," "copy," or "paste," for example, or change the font or make it a new paragraph.

If you have not realized the power of right-clicking your mouse, then you should be saying a big "WOW, this is so cool!" Now you can have some fun trying right-clicks anywhere and everywhere. Try right-clicking on an icon, a cell in a spreadsheet, a file or folder name in File Explorer, or a photo on the internet. You do not have to select an option on the menu that appears; left click somewhere else, and the menu will disappear, and nothing will happen. So, you won't change a thing when you look and explore. Right-clicking is a great shortcut that will save you time searching for many options or choices. Most apps (applications, programs, etc.) will also provide right-click menus. So why not give it a try? You have nothing to lose but a click!

Locate Files and Folders Instantly!

By Jasmine Blue D'Katz at Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts (www.lcace.org)

I have been watching Tech for Seniors for several months, and like attending our monthly club meeting, I learn about different programs available to make using my computer easier. Recently, during his Evernote presentation, one of the TFS hosts was asked a question about finding files and folders on his computer. He suggested and showed a program called Everything.

Everything is a piece of Windows software that bypasses Windows search, and in the blink of an eye, it gives you a list of all files and folders on your local storage device. If that is what you want, then basically that is what it does, and it is efficient, effective, stable, and uses low system resources.

When I run Everything, it creates an index of all the files and folders on my machine. Now I am talking about indexing a 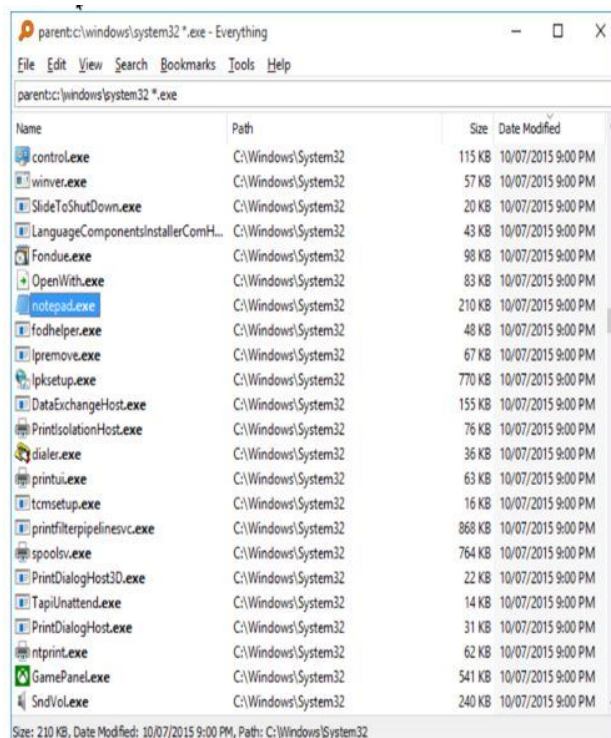4 TB hard drive that may have millions of files, but this program is wicked fast. Furthermore, the searching is done in real-time.

The screen display can be shown with several different files: Name, Path, Size, Last Write Time, Creation Time, Last Access Time, and Attributes. Sorting by any field will take a little longer than the search.

You no longer must struggle with Windows search again to find files on your disorganized system so you might want to give Everything a try.

The best part of Everything is it is a FREE download and works with Windows 10, 8, 7, and XP. Everything is a simple app and one of the most useful ones I use on my computer. Everything Download:

https://everything.en.softonic.com/

Genealogy Report for 5/3/22 SIG Meeting

Led by Sue Mueller the May 2022 meeting of the CUE Genealogy SIG met May 3rd via Zoom. Sue began with a presentation on Follow the Witness. Most legal documents such as deeds, wills, and marriage records required a witness or two. Usually, these were friends or family members and investigating them may lead you to more family information. Some tips:

• Every name on every document is important.

• Always look at the original document not the summary.

• Look at the previous page and the one following the original to make sure you get all the information.

Sue related the story of the Westmoreland judge who failed to send marriage records to the Westmoreland, PA court house for certification. Marriages aren't official until they are certified at the courthouse and this has caused problems for many, especially when claiming benefits after the death of the spouse. See the story at https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/ex-westmoreland-co-magistrate-failed-officially-ce/197894462/#:~:text=WESTMORELAND%20COUNTY%2C%20Pa.,County%20Courthouse%20to%20be%20certified.

Joanne Haulik told the group about a research project offered by UPMC that included DNA medical analysis. For more information go to their site at https://joinallofuspa.org/.

There is a free British site that allows you to upload your raw DNA data and can provide a 1600-2000 page report built from scratch by their algorithms. The report looks at over 2000 diseases grouped in 15 major categories. The company, Codgen, (https://codegen.eu/) purports to be totally anonymous and uses the information for research purposes only. It says you can even erase all your data.

Submitted by Connie Edwards

The Future of Health Begins with You

The mission of the *All of Us* Research Program is simple. We want to speed up health research and medical breakthroughs. We're asking one million people to help find out things that can enable better care for all of us.

WELCOME TO CODEGEN.EU

Explore your genetic data in depth
FREE & anonymous.

All of Us
Pennsylvania

Smartphone & Tablet Report for 5/23/22 SIG Meeting

Apple has had several announcements in May. iOS 15.5 and iPadOS 15.5 were released on May 16 and I have found no problem downloading them on my iPhone and iPads. This is the 5th major update to the latest mobile operating system and most importantly it has 27 security patches. There are a few user-facing enhancements and changes but nothing really major. We reviewed the new features and then viewed a video that summarized them. The more significant were the ability to set limits on the number of podcast episodes stored on your phone and the ability to send cash from the Wallet app in addition to from the Messages app.

Apple's press release on May 17 previewed innovative accessibility features. We focused on Accessibility as one of the topics for the evening. Usually, Apple announces features of a new operating system at the WWDC (World Wide Developers Conference) which is scheduled for June 6-10 this year. The May 17 press release came just before Global Accessibility Awareness Day, scheduled annually for the third Thursday of May. According to the Global Accessibility Awareness Day website: "The purpose of GAAD is to get everyone talking, thinking and learning about digital (web, software, mobile, etc.) access/inclusion and people with different disabilities." You might also say the theme is to keep technology accessible for everyone.

Apple has posted 42 short video clips on YouTube that describe current features in Accessibility. We looked at 12 of them and found much to like. Our members discovered many powerful features of this part of Settings and learned more about things like Assistive Touch and Magnifier than were apparent on the surface.

Changing topics, Steve Dotto strongly favors Evernote and Google Keep for note taking so I was surprised to see a video in which he said there was a lot to like in Apple Notes. We viewed Steve's video on Apple Notes and discussed how we use the app in our lives.

Once again, this month I sent out to SIG members copies of the notes I used during the meeting. The notes contain hyperlinks to the videos and article I referenced and are written like an article. Of course, the notes don't replace attending the discussion we had during the virtual meeting, but they are a reference and give those who missed the meeting a way to catch up. Anyone who would like a copy of my notes please contact me at johncfair@gmail.com.

The next virtual meeting of the Smartphone and Tablet SIG is at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 27.

John Fair

Secretary's Report for 5/19/22 CUE Meeting

Business meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President Conrad Sobczak.

Members Present: Conrad Sobczak, Larry Brown, Lou Cioccio, Tim Donlin, John Fair, Sam Fletcher, Paul Francis, Don Grim, Nancy Group, Marcia Keller, Kathy Mastantuonio, Suzanne Matthews, Pat Mickel, Sue Mueller, John Szympruch, Lee Williams, and Liz Wisniewski.

Quorum (at least 20% of members): The number of members of attendees meets the quorum requirements (18).

It was moved, seconded and approved by membership that the minutes of the April 2022 general meeting, published in the May newsletter, be approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report, John Fair: Our current balance is $3336.61. The only transaction for the past month was a $2 service fee.

Membership Report, John Fair: No new members. We currently have 79 members and 8 associate members.

Special Interest Groups:

• Genealogy, Sue Mueller reporting: Meets first Tuesday of each month. Next meeting, June 7 via Zoom. Our discussion centered primarily around the importance of viewing original documents when available and using the witness/informant as a springboard to additional research.

• Smart Phones, John Fair reporting: Met April 25 and next meeting is May 23 (fourth Mondays of the month): One member had a question about increasing the print size for Outlook mail (solved). Members were introduced to Ellen's tips for IOS especially helping seniors (youtube), offering an easy to understand format and pace.

• Mac, Windows Help. Lou Cioccio reporting: Windows discussion about cookies, what they do, how to locate in browser settings. One member had trouble with a popup about expired anti-virus (fake), and the culprit was located and eliminated.   Mac discussion about Apple M1 vs Apple M2.

Unfinished Business:

• None.

New Business:

• Conrad reminded board members that he would soon be scheduling a board meeting (probably early in June).

The business meeting was adjourned, and member John Fair presented an informative program about e-mail.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan B Mueller

Susan Mueller, Secretary

A Note from the Editor

As usual, feel free to contribute information for the CUE newsletter. Whether it is small, large, an article, a tip, information, or pictures, you can send it to me and I will plan to include it in the newsletter. You can reach me at grimcyber@yahoo.com.

Remember that you can find recent news at the CUE website (cuerie.com). At times, the website will have more recent news than the CUE newsletter since the website is updated continuously and the newsletter is updated monthly.

Thanks goes out to John Fair for his discussion on the topic of Email at the May Meeting. It allowed me to fondly remember how email attachments started, and that they are converted to text during delivery to agree with all types of computers that transport email messages across the world.

When email started, way back when, you could not attach a file to an email message. However, thanks to Mary Ann Horton, who invented UUENCODE, you could send a file attachment, even though the early email systems didn't have it as a feature. Even though uuencode started in Unix systems, it was available for free to use in DOS and Windows computers.

Tim Burkett, a CUE member before he left town, and I experimented with uuencode in the early email days and it worked great. As an example, I would take a picture file or a sound file and run it through uuencode which would create a text file. I would copy that text into the message. Tim would receive the message and copy the text into uudecode and he would then get the original binary file, a picture file, a sound file, etc. It was magic!

Later, email systems had file attachment options which used uuencode and uudecode in the background, unseen to the user. Email systems still use a similar process with MIME, which is similar to UUENCODE.

Stay Safe!

Editorially Speaking, Don Grim

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Today's Date*_____

Last Name	First Name
Address	
City, State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Your Email	

The yearly dues are payable in August of each year. The dues are $24 annual.

For NEW members only, when you join outside the annual cycle your initial dues are based upon the month you join. Follow the schedule below.

August $24	September $22	October $20	November $18
December $16	January $14	February $12	March $10
April $8	May $6	June $4	July $2

Information provided on this form will be placed into a CUE Membership Directory

What is your Computer or Device: (Circle)
Windows   Mac   Android   iPhone   iPad
Tablet   Linux   Other

What is you level of expertise? (Circle)
Novice   I know some   I want to learn more
Expert   Geek

Send your completed application to:

Computer Users of Erie

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What do you wish to gain by joining Computer Users of Erie?

Student membership is just $15 per year (provide proof of student status)

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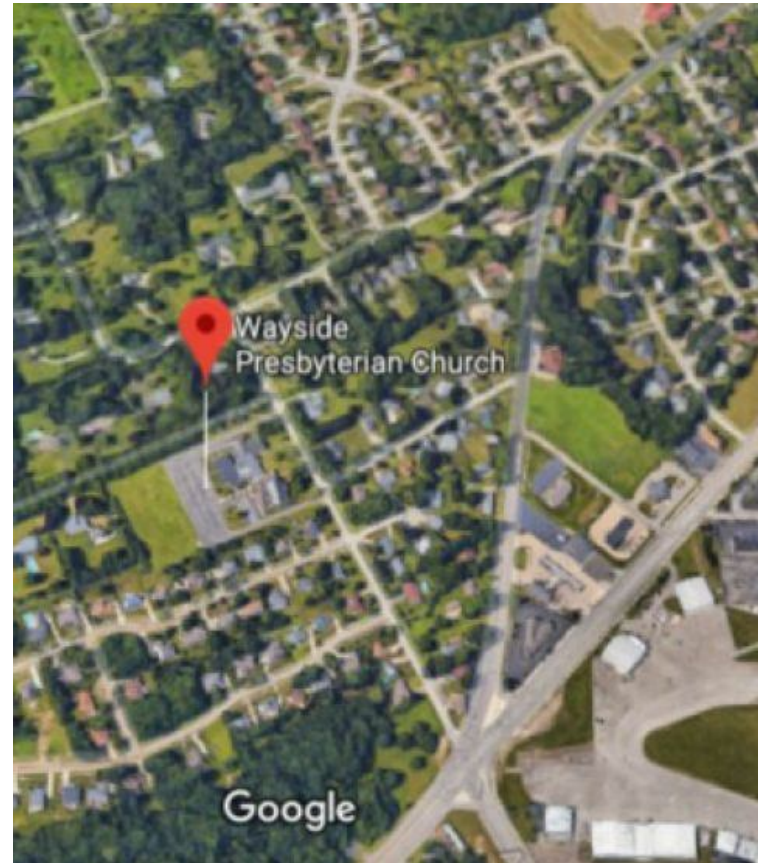|			
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Directions to Wayside Presbyterian Church for CUE Meetings

Wayside Presbyterian Church, at 1208 Asbury Road, is approximately three blocks north of the intersection of Asbury Road and Route 5. This intersection is at the northwest corner of the Erie International Airport property. Following Asbury, turn left at the first marked driveway for the church. During the afternoon winter schedule (10:00 AM for the months of November, January, February and March), entry is through the two sets of blue double doors. Use the buzzer to gain entry if the doors are locked. During the normal evening schedule (7:00 PM the remaining months) use the double doors on the south side of the Christian Education wing. Signs are posted in the building to direct you to the meeting room.

From West of Erie International Airport: Follow Route 5 to the intersection of Asbury and Route 5. Turn hard left onto Asbury Road. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

From South of Erie: Take Interstate 79 north to the 26th Street (Route 20) Exit. Bear left onto 26th Street (Route 20) west. Follow Route 20 about 3.4 miles west to Asbury Road. Turn right (at the Sheetz Gas Station) onto Asbury and follow it straight across Route 5. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

From East of Erie International Airport: Follow 26th Street (Route 20) west to Asbury Road. Turn right onto Asbury and follow it straight across Route 5. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection. OR, follow 12th Street (Route 5) west past the airport to Asbury Road. Turn right onto Asbury Road. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

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CUE Membership Benefits

As the largest computer users group in northwest Pennsylvania, CUE has served Erie and surrounding communities since 1982. CUE provides a forum for people to learn about computers and have fun doing so. The group meets the third Thursday each month, with the exception of the months of July and December. In July the group gathers for a picnic and December is the annual holiday party (dates vary). CUE meetings are at Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1205 Asbury Road, Erie. Meetings from April through October are at 7:00 p.m. From November through March, the meetings are at 10:00 AM in the morning, except it will stay at 7:00 p.m. during the Caronavirus Pandemic.

Our monthly meetings are open to the public regardless of age or ability. Many of our members are senior citizens who span a wide range of capabilities and interests but share a desire to know more about how to use computer related technology. Our role is to provide a forum for continuous learning from each other. CUE has a closed Google gmail group that is used to communicate with members and to post questions/problems to seek answers from the membership. Members pay an annual membership fee of $24 to receive a membership directory, monthly newsletter, availability to monthly general meetings, and any of the Special Interest Group (SIGs) meetings, usually held in a member's home. Locations and times vary, so check the online EVENTS Calendar on the website for the latest information. SIG topics include:

- Digital photography [and photo safari]
- Genealogy
- Macintosh computers
- Computer troubleshooting
- Beginners users group (BUG)
- Handheld smartphones and tablets

CUE is a member of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG). APCUG is an International, platform-independent, volunteer-run, non-profit organization devoted to helping member User Groups offer enhanced services to their members. Some of the membership benefits include:

- Speakers bureau
- Free virtual technology conferences
- Regional conference
- Push newsletter articles
- Discounts and special offers from vendors
- User group newsletters online

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